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THE EUGENICS SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting was held at 4.30 p.m. on Friday, 30th May, 1952, at the Rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W.1.

Chairman : Mr. Geoffrey Eley.

Fifteen Fellows and Members were present.

The Chairman conveyed to the meeting apologies for absence from Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders (President) and Mr. G. Aird Whyte (Chairman).

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 29th May, 1951, which were contained in the Annual Report, previously circulated, were taken as read and were unanimously approved.

(a) *Publication of a Library Catalogue.*

The Secretary reported that consideration had been given to economical methods of producing a new Library Catalogue—a matter raised at the Annual General Meeting in 1951 by Mr. J. P. Brander. Estimates had been obtained for copies in Roneo and would be submitted to the Council at its next meeting.

(b) *Revision of the Society's Holdings of Gilt-Edged Securities.*

The matter had been raised at the Annual General Meeting in 1951 by Mr. J. P. Brander. The Chairman reported that the Finance Committee, which meets twice or three times a year, gave, as a routine, careful attention to the Society's list of investments. The balance between gilt-edged and other securities was continually reviewed.

The Secretary briefly reviewed the main items contained in the Report.

The Chairman then drew attention to the item in the Report entitled *Secretariat*, wherein was announced Dr. Blacker's retirement, after twenty-one years, from the General Secretaryship of the Society. He expressed the Society's great indebtedness to Dr. Blacker and deep appreciation of his guidance of its affairs during his long term of office. The Chairman also welcomed Dr. C. O. Carter, who succeeds Dr. Blacker as General Secretary. From the floor Mr. Cyril Bibby, on behalf of Fellows and Members, supported the Chairman's remarks.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report which was carried unanimously.

These were presented by the Chairman in his capacity of Honorary Treasurer. They were put to the Meeting and carried unanimously.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

HONORARY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1952/53

The Secretary reported that there had been no nominations of Members of the Council by Fellows outside the Council. The following retirements from, and appointments by the Council were announced:—

Vice-Presidents:

Under Article 28 the following were due to retire:—

Professor D. V. Glass

Mr. L. J. Cadbury

Council:

Under Article 30 the following were due to retire:—

Mrs. B. Bosanquet

Dr. J. B. Bramwell

Mrs. B. Goldman

Miss Evelyn Lawrence

Dr. A. S. Parkes

Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts

Honorary Officers and Council for the year 1952/53:—

The appointment of the following was proposed and unanimously approved:

Hon. President: Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders

Hon. Chairman: Mr. G. Aird Whyte

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Geoffrey Eley

Hon. Librarian: Mr. Cecil Binney

Hon. Secretary: Dr. C. P. Blacker

Hon. Vice-Presidents: Professor F. Grundy

Professor A. J. Lewis

Dr. G. C. L. Bertram

Mr. D. Caradog Jones

Dr. A. S. Parkes

Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts

Council:

The Hon. Mrs. Grant-Duff

Professor A. Kennedy

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Mr. R. C. Pritchard

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AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The following was RESOLVED:—

"That Messrs. West & Drake should continue to serve as the Society's Auditors on a basis of remuneration to be agreed at the end of the year."

The resolution was proposed by Mr. C. G. Tomlinson and seconded by Dr. G. C. L. Bertram.

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Review the year
In this report, the accounts relate to the period from 1st January, 1952, to 31st December, 1952, inclusive. The rest of the report covers the period 1st April, 1952, to 31st March, 1953, inclusive.

Council Council Meetings were held on the following dates:—

17th June, 1952—13 present.
21st October, 1952—15 present.
21st January, 1953—15 present.
25th March, 1953—12 present.

The following were co-opted to the Council under Article 32:—

On 17th June, 1952:—

Dr. J. B. Bramwell.
Miss Evelyn Lawrence.
Mrs. B. Goldman.
Mrs. B. Bosanquet.

Consultative Council The Consultative Council has suffered losses in the deaths of Sir Charles Arden-Close, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., F.R.S., and Professor W. J. Dakin, D.Sc., F.L.S., F.Z.S.; and in the resignation of Miss Evelyn Fox, D.B.E.

The Galton Lecture The Galton Lecture for 1952, postponed owing to the death of His late Majesty King George VI, was delivered on Friday, 4th April, by Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts, M.A., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., on "The Genetics of Mental Deficiency." The Chair was taken by Sir Charles Darwin. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Eliot Slater who opened the discussion which followed. Some 150 persons were present.

The Galton Lecture for 1953 was delivered on Wednesday, 18th February, by Professor T. H. Marshall, C.M.G., M.A., on "Social Selection in the Welfare State." The Chair was taken by Mr. G. Aird Whyte and some 80 persons were present. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. G. C. L. Bertram.

Both meetings were held at Manson House, 26, Portland Place, W.1, and were preceded by tea.

Members' Meetings The following Meetings were held in the Rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, by kind permission of the President and Council of the Royal Society:—

30th May, 1952. Mr. N. W. Pirie on "The Biochemistry of Conception Control." Dr. G. C. L. Bertram was in the Chair.

21st October, 1952. Mrs. Margaret Pyke and Dr. H. A. Davidson on "Family Planning: the Past and the Future." Dr. C. P. Blacker was in the Chair.

18th November, 1952. Dr. Kenneth Hutton on "Intelligence Quotients and Differential Fertility: Some Observations from Winchester College." Mr. R. C. K. Ensor was in the Chair.

16th December, 1952. Professor Roger Russell on "Experimental Studies of Hereditary Influences on Animal Behaviour." Professor A. J. Lewis was in the Chair.

21st January, 1953. Dr. J. D. Nisbet on "Family Environment and Intelligence." Professor P. E. Vernon was in the Chair.

25th March, 1953. Dr. Gertrude Willoughby on "Population Problems and Family Policy in France." Mrs. B. Bosanquet was in the Chair.

Eugenics Review Since July, 1952, the *Eugenics Review* has appeared under the Editorship of Miss K. Lane who has been supported by an Editorial Committee.

The rising cost of the *Eugenics Review* has for some time given concern to the Council and it has therefore been decided by the Editorial Committee that, in the interest of economy, issues from April, 1953, will be printed on *cotone* rather than *antique* paper.

Occasional Papers The eighth paper in the series entitled *Family Environment: a Direct Effect of Family Size on Intelligence* by Dr. J. D. Nisbet, will be published this year (1953).

Problem Families Committee The report of the five investigations carried out under the auspices of the Committee and entitled *Problem Families: Five Inquiries*, was published by the Society on 1st November, 1952, and has been well received. Copies are available from the Society at 5/-, postage 7d.

Promising Families Committee The Council has appointed a Sub-Committee to formulate a method of ascertaining "promising families," that is families which are conspicuously successful in raising happy, healthy and intelligent children. This Sub-Committee will make a recommendation to the Council.

Grants

(a) *International Planned Parenthood Federation.* The Council has made a grant of £250 a year for three years to the International Planned Parenthood Federation as a contribution towards the expenses of maintaining its London office. The grant is to take effect from 1st September, 1953. This follows on a contribution of £750 made by the Council in 1952 to enable the Society's two delegates to go to the Bombay Conference (see below) and also to defray part of the expenses of another delegate who remained in India to lecture and to give training in contraceptive technique to doctors, nurses and health visitors.

(b) *Dr. Helen Blyth.* The Council has made a grant of £200 for a year, renewable for a further year, to Dr. Helen Blyth, a medical practitioner in Leeds, to enable her to carry out a genetic investigation of cases of Muscular Dystrophy in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

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(c) *Mr. James Shields.* The Council has made a grant of £40 to Mr. James Shields, a Research Assistant in the Genetics Unit of the Institute of Psychiatry, University of London, to enable him to attend the IXth International Congress of Genetics at Lake Como, Italy, in August, 1953.

Representation of the Society on other Organisations The Council is represented by Dr. C. P. Blacker and Mrs. Grant Duff on the British Committee of the International Union of Family Organisations; by Mr. J. C. Trevor on the Joint Committee for Anthropological Research and Teaching; and by Mrs. Grant Duff on the following organisations: The National Council of Women, the National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare, the British Social Biology Council and the National Baby Welfare Council. Dr. Blacker has continued to be Honorary Secretary of the Population Investigation Committee.

Representation at Conferences Dr. C. P. Blacker represented the Society at a Conference convened by the International Union of Family Organisations held from 8th—13th September, 1952, in Oxford.

Dr. C. P. Blacker, Dr. G. C. L. Bertram and Dr. Margaret Hadley Jackson represented the Society at the 3rd International Conference on Planned Parenthood held from 24th November—1st December, 1952, in Bombay. Dr. Blacker there gave a paper on "Control of Fertility in Human Cultures," Dr. Bertram on "The Inevitability of Limitation of Population," and Dr. Jackson on "Fertility, Sterility and Infertility."

Mrs. Grant Duff represented the Society at the Conference of the National Council of Women held in Eastbourne in November, 1952.

Society's Premises The Society has continued to make the largest of the three rooms on its second floor available, rent free, to the International Planned Parenthood Federation and also the small room, which was vacated by the Research Office of the Children's Reception Centre in June, 1952.

The Society's premises are now in a good state of repair and decoration following agreement with the War Damage Commission as to their liability consequent upon bomb damage. At a moderate additional cost painting and other repairs have been carried out to good effect.

Library During the past year 63 books have been added to the Library by gift and purchase; 248 have been borrowed, 40 of them by the National Central Library. The Librarian has borrowed 18 books from the National Central Library for re-loan to Fellows and Members.

A type-written classified catalogue has been prepared and copies may be borrowed by Fellows and Members for periods of a fortnight.

Obituary We regret to record the death of the following Fellows and Members: Sir Charles Arden-Close, Dr. F. E. Daunt, Mrs. Marritt-Hawkes, Hugh de Havilland, Esq., Mrs. Arthur Long, P. E. Marrack, Esq., and Dr. A. F. Tredgold.

FINANCE

Donations During the period under review, the Society has received with gratitude, donations amounting to £14 3s. 1d. This sum is made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
The Albert Reckitt Charitable Trust	1	1	0
Mrs. Austen Goodman	...	19	1
"Anonymous"	...	1	0
Mr. R. Snow	...	8	0
Mr. M. Watts	...	1	1
Mr. H. A. Hodges	...	2	2
	£14	3	1

Covenants During the year the total tax recovered by the Society by means of subscriptions paid under Covenant amounted to £89 1s. 6d.

Accounts for 1952 A statement of Income and Expenditure during 1952 together with the Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1952, will be found at the end of this Report. A list of the Society's Investment at the same date is set out on page 4. The market value of our investments suffered a further slight depreciation during the year.

During 1952 Income exceeded Ordinary Expenditure by £56 7s. 5d., but, after the Society had disbursed the Grants voted by the Council for special purposes and had allocated £200 to the Staff Pension Reserve, there was a loss of £912 6s. 2d. on the year. This loss was carried to the General Fund where it was partially offset by a profit of £724 17s. 1d. resulting from the sale of certain investments.

The General Reserve now stands at £76,314 13s. 11d.

The Society stands currently committed to the making of grants to a total of £1,090 and it seems clear that the bulk or the whole of this sum will have to be found by drawings on the General Fund.

Register of Fellows and Members

	Life	Life			
	Fellows	Members	Fellows	Members	Total
Total, 31st					
March, 1952	81	13	169	245	508
Elections,					
1952/53	10	1	5	16	32
	91	14	174	261	540
Less:					
Deaths			4	2	6
Resigned			3	9	12
Lapsed			—	13	13
			7	24	31
Total, 31st					
March, 1953	91	14	167	237	509
Affiliated Societies					1

INVESTMENTS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1952

(AT COST)

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
FREEHOLD PROPERTY—							
82, High Street, Bromley	...	5,391	0	8			
72/74, Denmark Hill	...	7,677	1	0			
168, King Street, Hammersmith	...	5,315	16	6			
					18,383	18	2
MARKETABLE SECURITIES—							
£1,000	3% Defence Bonds (P.O. Issue)	1,000	0	0			
£2,500	3% Savings Bonds 1965/75	2,657	15	0			
£6,650	2½% Treasury Stock 1975 or after	3,985	9	1			
£7,781.8.2	3½% War Loan 1952 or after	8,152	12	5			
£1,135	British Electricity 3% Guaranteed Stock 1968/73	1,121	5	6			
£1,895.3.10	British Electricity 3% Guaranteed Stock 1974/77	1,899	14	9			
£2,000	British Iron and Steel 3½% Guaranteed Stock 1979/81	1,915	0	0			
£800	Baldwins (Holdings) Ltd., Ordinary Stock (In Liquidation)	1	0	0			
£2,328.15.0	British Transport 3% Guaranteed Stock 1978/88	2,795	6	6			
£2,000	London County 3% Consolidated Stock 1956/61	1,812	18	0			
£A2,200	Commonwealth of Australia 3½% Internal Loan, 1957/60	1,771	8	0			
£215	Courage & Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock	727	1	4			
£400	Scottish Brewers Ltd. 6½% Cum. Pref. Stock £1 Units	558	6	6			
£260	Watney Coombe & Reid Ltd., Deferred Ordinary Stock	693	1	6			
1,000	Amalgamated Metal Corporation Ltd., £1 Ordinary Shares	1,128	4	7			
£1,750	Bowater Paper Corporation Ltd., 5½% Unsecured Loan Stock 1963/67	1,643	4	3			
440	British Insulated Calenders Cables Ltd., New Ordinary £1 Shares	671	2	0			
£551	Goodlass Wall and Lead Industries Ltd. 7% Cum. Pref. Stock	803	16	7			
£387	Guest Keen and Nettlefolds Ltd., Ordinary Stock	807	10	3			
£500	Harrods Ltd., 7½% Cum. Pref. Stock	813	0	3			
£408	Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., Ordinary Stock	840	11	9			
£192	Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock	624	1	6			
750	Olympia Ltd., 5% £1 Cum. Pref. Shares	723	15	0			
1,500	Olympia Ltd., Ordinary 2/6 Shares						
315	Skefko Ball Bearing Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock 5/- Units	636	6	6			
1,750	Standard Motor Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock 5/- Units	630	5	3			
1,900	William Uttley Ltd., Ordinary 1/- Shares	678	5	3			
3,066	David Whitehead & Sons Ltd., Ordinary 1/- Shares	717	3	0			
400	Penmount Estates Ltd., 5½% £1 Cum. Pref. Shares	260	8	6			
35	Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd., Ordinary £1 Shares	638	2	9			
£620	Clyde and Mersey Investment Trust Ltd., Ordinary Stock	721	13	9			
2,000	Second Scottish Investment Trust Ltd., 5/- Ordinary Stock Units	448	8	6			
500	Selection Trust Ltd., Ordinary 10/- Stock Units	1,128	12	2			
99	Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa Ltd., Ordinary 10/- Shares	745	9	9			
200	Consolidated Goldfields of South Africa Ltd., Ordinary £1 Shares	608	16	6			
300	Rand Selection Corporation Ltd., Ordinary 5/- Shares	743	9	6			
285	Union Corporation Ltd., Ordinary 2/6 Shares	662	17	6			
£130	Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock	1,145	7	3			
£400	Shell Transport and Trading Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock	1,237	18	6			
£100	Devon General Omnibus and General Touring Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock	934	16	6			
					49,084	5	11
Market Value at 31st December, 1952, £42,650.							
OTHER SECURITIES—							
50	Family Health Club Housing Society (Coventry) Ltd., £1 Shares		50	0	0		
CASH ON DEPOSIT					3,500	0	0
					£71,018	4	1

SYERS TRUST (Income payable to Mrs. Syers for life with remainder to the Eugenics Society)—

£1,186 17s. 6d. British Transport 3% Guaranteed Stock 1978/88.

Market Value at 31st December, 1952, £908.

DRAKE-BROCKMAN TRUST (Income payable to Mrs. Drake-Brockman for life then to each of the children for life with remainder to the Eugenics Society)—

£A4,030 Australian Consolidated Stock.

Market Value at 31st December, 1952, £2,842.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1952

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EUGENICS SOCIETY

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for that purpose. So far as appears from our examination proper books of account have been kept by the Society. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books of account, give the information required by the Companies Act, 1948, in the manner so required and also a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 31st December, 1952, and of the deficit for the year to that date.

Sardinia House, 52, Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London, W.C.2.
March 17th, 1953.

WEST & DRAKE,
Chartered Accountants.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1952

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1952 (contd).

72	(Deficit for 1951 brought down)	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	SPECIAL GRANTS PAID DURING YEAR—						
	No. 35. Committee on Prob- lem Families	6	11	8			
	No. 42. For an investigation of the inheritance of tem- perament	50	0	0			
	No. 43. For Dr. Trevor for International Congress ...	10	0	0			
	No. 44. Representation at the Bombay Conference of the International Commit- tee on Planned Parenthood	750	0	0	816	11	8
68	STAFF PENSION RESERVE ...				200	0	0
200	(Excess of Income over Expen- diture for 1951)						
60							
£400					£1,016	11	8

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT 31st DECEMBER, 1952[illegible]

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